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1. Soviet subsidies for the support of Soviet-sponsored publications in Shanghai will be cancelled 1 January 1947 according to V. N. Rogov, Director of the Far Eastern Branch of Tass News Agency. A special "Committee of Assistance to the Press" has been formed by the following publications": Daily News, New Life, Epoch, and Today.

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2. Rogov, besides other duties, is in charge of developing Sino-Soviet cultural relations by sponsoring a Chinese conservatory of music, a Cosmopolitan Club, a Sino-Soviet Cultural Society, and possibly some medical and technical institutions.

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3. Shanghai Chinese Communist members are protected by various Soviet organizations in Shanghai. It has been previously reported that the Soviets in Shanghai would protect only the leading Chinese Communist Party members in case of emergency. All Communist members who are under Soviet protection must have identification cards issued by the Shanghai Communist Committee. The following organizations are delegated to care for the Communist members in Shanghai:

The Tass News Agency

Educated persons who understand the Russian language; including professors, cultural workers, students and important persons in the Labor Movement.

The Shih Tai Jih Pao
(時代日報)

Reporters, cultural workers and teachers

The Bank of Moscow

Employees in financial organizations and business firms; persons in charge of finance and economics in the Shanghai Communist Committee.

The Soviet Consulate

Radio operators, guards and others.

Other Business Organizations - Other important Communist personnel.

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4. The Soviets have handed over to the Chinese Communists all the editorial work of the Shih Tai Jih Pao (時代日報), a Soviet daily newspaper which has been in existence for a number of years. I.M. Zakheim is still nominally in charge of the magazine, but actually the Shanghai Communist Magazine Editorial Committee has control of it. The reason for such a change is to provide a propaganda outlet for the Communists in case their official propaganda magazine, Ch'in Chung Weekly (群衆週刊) should be suspended. The terms made between the Chinese Communists and Soviet Russia are as follows:

- a. The Communists will be responsible for 60% of the articles and Soviets 40%.
- b. The editorials will be controlled by the Chinese Communists.
- c. The publication and distribution will be under Russian control.

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5. MAO Tun (茅盾), a famous Chinese literary writer, has been invited by the Soviet Cultural Association to give lectures in the USSR. His request for a passport to go there was rejected by the Nanking Government until Soviet Ambassador Petrov went personally to the Chinese Government authorities on his behalf. MAO is now in Shanghai waiting for a Soviet ship from Vladivostok to take him to the USSR.

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The following news item appeared in the China Press on 6 December 1946:

"The famed Chinese novelist, Mao Tun, and his wife left the port yesterday aboard the m.v. Smolay on the first leg of their tour of the Soviet Union at the invitation of VOKS, the Soviet Union's Cultural Relations Society. The noted author will visit Moscow, Leningrad, Stalingrad, Sebastopol, Odessa and other Soviet Russian cities, is expected to remain in the USSR for a lengthy period. He was reported to have signed a contract to send articles on the Soviet Union to the Chinese-language paper Shih Tai Jih Pao. In a signed article appearing yesterday in the Russian-language local newspaper, The New Life, Vladimir Rogov, head of the Far Eastern Tass Bureau, hailed Mao Tun's trip as 'an important development in further strengthening the cultural ties and better mutual understanding between two great neighbors.'"

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6. Rogov, in conversation with an old friend, gave the following reasons for the Soviets' unfavorable position in regards to cultural relations:

- a. Language difficulty
- b. Prejudice
- c. Limited Soviet trade and business interests in China
- d. Offers of education abroad to Chinese youth by U.S. and Great Britain

Rogov stated that the Soviets would be satisfied with only a portion of the cultural influence on China exerted by the Anglo-Saxons.

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